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AUSTRIANS IN FLIGHT.

Vienna Admits Defeat by Russians in Galicia.
Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
LONDON, Dec. 28.—It is already hinted in the official announcements from Berlin and Vienna (and rather positively indicated by the Petrograd communiqué) that the new Austrian offensive in central Poland, Pomerania to battle life way across the Bzura and the Rakva, even when the Russians were bested on the north by German reinforcements from East Prussia and on the south by a veritable Austrian avalanche from the Carpathians, Von Hindenburg may soon have to turn and run for it.

Once more Austria has failed Germany badly in an hour of need. The Austrian General Staff was forced today to make the humiliating admission that the Russians had driven Francis Joseph's troops in retreat in Galicia. Marshal von Hindenburg has been defeated in every attempt to drive the Russians from the east bank of the Bzura and the Rakva and to gain a foot toward Warsaw in the last week. Since the voluntary abandonment by the Russian armies of Lodz and the consequent advance by the Germans to a battlefront east of Lodz, the Germans have made no progress whatever and have lost at least 20,000 in killed and wounded in frontal assaults. These operations have cost the army of von Hindenburg when he had every chance of success. He had vastly superior numbers, probably 600,000 men to 350,000 for the Russians on that front.

Now the situation is again suddenly changed by the decisive Russian victories in Galicia. One week ago the Russians were forced to abandon the investment of Cracow because of a very bold movement by Gen. Boehm-Ermoli and heavy forces of the Austrians through the Carpathians, and the advance from the line of Zienstachowacracow of an Austro-German force under Gen. Dankl. The Russians were hard pressed and in real danger of envelopment. But the Grand Duke Nicholas executed one of the strategic operations for which he has become famous. Having withdrawn from Cracow to the Biala River the Russians suddenly sent a heavy column rapidly marching southward, interposed themselves between the Austrians of the north and of the south, defeated Von Boehm-Ermoli at Tuchow, fifteen miles south of Tarnow, on Christmas Day, and then, facing eastward, attacked the town and the village of Art. The occupation was due to the action of 500 rebels, who threatened to attack the place and who threatened the lives of Italian citizens.

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GERMANS THROWN BACK.

Petrograd Believes Plan to Take Warsaw Has Failed.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Mail has the following to say of the situation in the east: "We are still waiting anxiously to see what the Germans will do. It is now clear that the Germans must change their tactics."

"The advance on Warsaw was not a tactical manoeuvre, but was merely a strategic advance. The aim set by the German General Staff was to save Silesia from invasion. In order to accomplish this it was necessary to prevent the Russians from taking Cracow. The next hope of doing this appeared in a plan drawn up by Col. Hoffman, professor of tactics in the Berlin Military Academy.

"This provided for the concentration at Thorn of a large number of troops from various parts of the empire and rapid advance in the direction of Warsaw. Warsaw was threatened merely in order to force the Russians to withdraw from Cracow, but the plan was abandoned when the German General Staff to please the Kaiser, who was frankly eager to occupy Warsaw for political reasons.

"Simultaneous with the movement from Thorn Austro-German armies were to advance against the Russians threatening Cracow, and the Austrians under Gen. Boehm-Ermoli were to attack from the Carpathians, saturating the Hungarians demand for protection against the invaders. Every one admits the plan was sound and ingenious. It succeeded a first time, in spite of the fact that the Germans have lost at least 20,000 men. The mouse trap success did not last long, however. First the East Prussian army sent to attack Cracow from the north, was driven back by the Russian army. Next Gen. Boehm-Ermoli was compelled to return to the mountains. The Cosackas are now pursuing him through the passes. The Austrians can only hold in narrow columns and the pursuers have a great advantage. Meanwhile the Austro-German armies operating east of Cracow along the Nida and the Rakva have also been put to flight, their right wing turned. How disorderly the retreat is shown by the large number of prisoners taken.

"In view of this the army north of Tarnow, on the Nida, will be compelled to retreat. The successes bring the Russians again to within threatening distance of Cracow. This time the Hungarians succeeded in their repeated and furious efforts to break through the Russian line placed in front of Warsaw. The German plan would have failed, because the Hungarians have been useless to keep an army occupied there and a long line of communications open while the Russians were engaged in forcing their way into German territory.

"But the Germans are very far from succeeding in their second attack against Warsaw. Their attack appears to have failed as signally as the first. It is possible that the Germans may return to the assault. It is conceivable that they may get pushed through. But for the present it seems acknowledged that their frontal attacks have produced no other effect than enormous losses which are estimated to be bigger than those in Flanders.

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700 Bluejackets Are Landed and Regiment of Soldiers Is on Way.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
ROME, via Havre, Dec. 28.—Admiral Patric, commander in chief of the Italian squadron, has issued a proclamation at Avlona announcing that Italy, watchful of Albania's fate and with the object of safeguarding order and defending the inhabitants, accorded to the landing of bluejackets.

Seven hundred sailors, with artillery and machine guns, landed within an hour, 500 garrisoning the town and 200 the village of Art. The occupation was due to the action of 500 rebels, who threatened to attack the place and who threatened the lives of Italian citizens.

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U. S. WARSHIP READY FOR TURKS

Landing Planned to Protect Americans, Island Passengers Say.

The Red Star liner Finland, from the Mediterranean, brought in yesterday the story of how the American cruiser North Carolina swiftly prepared for action when a month ago a dozen representatives of the United States, heavily fearing trouble from the Turks, fled to the American College in Beirut, Syria.

Capt. Osman of the North Carolina sent officers ashore to make a survey of the neighborhood of the college. A landing place and places for posting guns were picked and signals arranged between the warship and the shore, but it was not necessary to use them.

ALLIES' FLEET IN PANAMA GULF.

Neutrality of Isthmus Republic Said to Have Been Violated.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
PANAMA, Dec. 28.—Mr. Dzeuk, who holds the concession for the construction of the Darien Railroad, and who returned here today, says twelve Japanese and four English warships that have been cruising in the Pacific Ocean are now in San Miguel Bay, which forms a protection of the Gulf of Panama and the inner prolongation of which is known as Barlet harbor.

STATE AIDS FRENCH RAILROADS.

Extends Guarantee of Interest of Northern and P. L. & M.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
PARIS, Dec. 28.—Among the financial measures adopted at the recent session of Parliament was one which affects the Northern and the Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean railroads. Their guarantee of interest granted by the State was limited in 1885 to 20,000,000 francs (\$4,000,000) for the Northern and 40,000,000 francs (\$8,000,000) for the P. L. & M.

WAR HITS CANADA'S TRADE HARD

Millions of Dollars Decreases in Exports and Imports.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 28.—The Dominion foreign trade, which reached the highest point in the history of the nation last year, has taken a tremendous drop. A report issued today by the Department of Trade and Commerce shows that in the first eleven months of 1914, exports were valued at \$1,699,000,000 and imports at \$1,699,000,000. In the same month last year, while exports fell away by \$15,000,000, imports were valued at \$1,714,000,000.



CERTAIN situations in the eastern theatre of war are readily apparent from the German, Austrian and Russian official reports. At A the Russian line slightly east and south of Mlawa, and stretching toward Plock and the lower Vistula, interposes itself against a new German advance from southern East Prussia. At B Marshal von Hindenburg's main army seems to have been defeated in its efforts to cross the Bzura and the Rakva and approach Warsaw. The position of this army is not helped by the result of operations further south. At C the Russians are held by the Germans near Tomaszow and Opoczno and along the Pilzta, which blocks a flanking movement. In the last three days the German effort in this quarter has been violent. At D the Austrians in their attempt to push the Russians eastward over the Nida have been defeated and thrown back toward Cracow. At E the Austrians have suffered a terrible reverse, losing many thousands in killed, wounded and prisoners, and being retroced through the Carpathians. There is a partial admission of disaster by the Austrian General Staff. The arrows indicate the direction of Austrian retreats.

Battle Halted by Storm in Flanders and Alsace

French Official Report Claims Advance in the Argonne and Praises Chasseurs Alps for Their Fighting in Heavy Snow.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
PARIS, Dec. 28.—No extensive military operations were possible in Flanders and in most of northern France today on account of storms and fogs. There was almost a complete cessation of operations, it appears from the Government's brief statement.

In the Argonne, however, the French continued their advance in the general movement to drive the Germans back to the west and north of the Verdun district. Much snow has fallen in this region and excellent fighting has been done by the French Alpine battalions, splendid mountaineers and sterling marksmen.

To the west, all the way to the Belgian coast, the antagonists appear to have held their trenches and fortified heights, and toward the southeast, in Alsace, there was a similar lull. The text of the night report was as follows:

"During the entire day a violent storm prevented operations on the greater part of the front. We have, however, made some progress in the Argonne.

The report issued this afternoon shows that there was lively fighting yesterday in the lower zone of the North Carolina. The Allies made an impressive advance along the coast in the region of Lombardetide, compelling the Germans to surrender a line of positions, which they have defended with heavy batteries.

The Germans made a successful attack near Hellebeke, one of the near German salient, and forced the Allies to evacuate a line of trenches. In this general region for many days attack and counter-attack have continued, causing slight line trenching to be taken and retaken several times.

FRENCH GIFTS PLEASE ALBERT.

Belgian King Especially Touched by Presents to Own Children.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
PARIS, Dec. 28.—M. Pierre Cherest, president of the general council of the Department of the Seine, in presiding at a meeting of that body this afternoon, said he had received a letter from King Albert of the Belgians expressing his thanks for the presents collected by the council and sent to the Belgian soldiers.

NO STATE BANQUET IN ROME.

King Will Receive Each Diplomatist Separately.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
ROME, via Havre, Dec. 28.—Owing to the war the King will institute a new custom in regard to the customary New Year's greetings to the diplomatists. Beginning tomorrow he will receive each envoy separately.

BOTH MINE TRENCHES.

First Germans and Then French Lines Are Shattered.

PONT-A-MONTESSON, Dec. 22 (via Paris, Dec. 28).—Soldiers from the trenches bring more horrible details of the battles in Bois-de-Pretre and Bois-de-Mortmare. In the former the Germans were driven up by a mine and in the latter it was the French who were shattered by subterranean explosions. The soldiers say that

30,000 ARE LOST IN PRZEMYSL SORTIES

Fortress Is Doomed Unless speedily Relieved, Says Hungarian Correspondent.

FOOD SCARCE IN MONARCHY

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Morning Post prints this morning another letter from Hungary to the correspondent of a Hungarian paper in this city. The letter, which is dated December 21, says:

"A wounded officer from the Przemysl fortress says that place is doomed unless it is relieved. The garrison is diminishing daily owing to a number of unsuccessful sorties. Thirty thousand killed and wounded and prisoners have been lost in these sorties.

"If the garrison is not relieved it will be able to resist for only a few weeks longer. The garrison is exhausted and the men are dissatisfied with their commander. Discipline alone compels them to obey orders to make sorties.

"This officer says there is desperate fighting in the Carpathians under terrible conditions on both sides. The cold is intense and the sufferings of the men are awful. He tells one instance where the Russians and Austrians engaged in hand to hand fighting on a frozen river in the Latorza Valley. During the fighting the ice broke and the enemies gave a helping hand to one another to escape drowning.

"The Russians have been greatly reinforced in this area, and victory will fall to those who are best armed to hard ships. These, the officer estimates, are the Russians. He foresees that after the Russians will invade Hungary on a large scale.

"The scarcity of food is beginning to be felt intensely in the whole of the monarchy, especially in districts near the war area. There is a great deal of illness. The winter is extremely severe. The scarcity of coal is such that only the wealthiest people can afford to heat their houses. A sack of coal costs from twelve to fifteen crowns (\$1.50 to \$2). Foodstuffs are expensive, but meat is still obtainable at a reasonable price."

TWO MORE SHIPS HIT MINES.

Further Loss of Life With British Vessels in North Sea.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
LONDON, Dec. 28.—Two more steamships struck mines in the North Sea today and there was further loss of life.

The British steamship Linaria, which was last reported at Marseilles on November 28, struck one of the floating mines and sank at some point which is not located in the official statement. Her crew was rescued.

The Glasgow steamer Gem was also destroyed by a mine. Two of her crew were rescued. The others are missing.

Altogether eight vessels have been destroyed by mines in the North Sea since December 24.

The Times relates the impression that some of these wrecks were due to British mines. It says that a single British mine has been laid on the coast of Belgium. It adds that it is evident that the mines were laid by the Germans. They are insecurely anchored and do not conform to the rule that mines should be harmless after breaking afloat.

ADMIT BELGIANS TO BOURSE.

Paris Brokers Will Facilitate Sale of Brussels Stocks.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
PARIS, Dec. 28.—The stock brokers at a meeting today decided to admit Belgian stock brokers to the Bourse and to give them facilities for trading in Brussels stocks.

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Vienna Reports Repulse of Russians on the Nida

Dual Monarchy's Territory Free From Enemy, With Exception of Some Unimportant Frontier Districts—Cattaro Free After Failure of Bombardment by French.

NO GERMAN APOLOGY.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.
VIENNA, via Rome, Dec. 28.—An official statement issued today by the Austrian General Staff admitted that the Russians have had some successes in the fighting near the Carpathians, but asserted that in other parts of the field the Austrians were operating successfully. The statement also said that the Montenegrin attacks on Cattaro have failed and that the port is now free.

The bulk of the Austrian armies is now concentrated in northern Hungary, where a supreme effort will be made to prevent a Russian invasion, which has already been attempted in force. Reconforcements are being rushed to the front night and day, and fortifications are being constructed with feverish haste.

In private quarters it is feared that a prolonged resistance to the Russian onslaught is doubtful. In the same circles it is openly admitted that a revolution in Hungary is possible since the Russians are likely to proclaim autonomy in captured territory. The official Austrian report follows:

"The situation in the Carpathians is unchanged. The Russian offensive between Rymakow and Tuchow forced our troops to fall back a short distance in the district before the Galician Carpathians.

Hostile attacks failed on the lower Nida, the Rakva and the lower Nida. Fighting continues in the region of Tomaszow.

The Balkan theatre is quiet. The territory of the dual monarchy, with the exception of insignificant frontier districts in Bosnia, Herzegovina and South Dalmatia, is free from the enemy. The narrow tract of land at Spalza and Budva (southeast of Cattaro in Dalmatia) from the beginning of the war has been occupied by Montenegrins. Their attack on Bachtin at Cattaro has completely failed. Their French guns posted on the frontier heights had to suspend their fire after they had been bombarded from our forts and our naval guns.

As the bombardment of the isolated coast fortifications by French gunboats has been a short and unsuccessful naval port (Cattaro) is now completely in our hands.

ADVANCE NEAR YPRES.

German Report Capture of Line of Trenches.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The official report given out by the German War Office today says that an attack by the Allies at Neuport with the cooperation of the British fleet was successfully repulsed, that attacks near Verdun and in Alsace were checked and that the German troops captured a line of trenches south of Ypres.

The report follows: "In the western theatre the enemy unsuccessfully renewed his attacks at Neuport, supported by warships, which did no damage to us, but killed or wounded a few inhabitants of

RUSH TO ENLIST IN ENGLAND

Total Rises Rapidly—Appeal to Football Players.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The War Office reports that there has been a great increase in recruiting since Christmas, many men evidently wishing to spend the winter at home before entering the army. P. J. Wall, secretary of the Football Association, has issued a special appeal to professional football players to enlist.

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